

Message from the General Chair

I am very pleased to welcome all attendees to the 2012 IEEE International Symposium on Performance Analysis of Systems and Software (ISPASS) in New Brunswick, New Jersey on April 1-3, 2012. The conference represents the hard work of several organizing committee members and contributing authors. We all hope that the conference will be highly productive for every attendee.

ISPASS has emerged as a premier forum for research on tools and performance analysis. This year's program continues that tradition. Dr. Viji Srinivasan of IBM T.J. Watson did an excellent job as program chair. She assembled a world-class program committee, and efficiently organized the reviewing and PC meeting. She was meticulous in her review assignments, which contributed greatly to a fair review process. I am very thankful to a dedicated program committee and external reviewers that spent many hours providing feedback to several authors. I'd also like to thank Dr. Mazda Marvasti (VMware) and Prof. Margaret Martonosi (Princeton) for agreeing to deliver keynote presentations.

The conference is being kicked off with an excellent serving of workshops and tutorials on Sunday April 1st. I appreciate the efforts of Vijay Reddi (UT Austin) who served as the Workshop/Tutorial Chair. I also thank the organizers of the workshops and tutorials for the time they are putting into augmenting the ISPASS program.

Many other organizing committee members have worked hard behind the scenes to make the conference possible. Nadeem Malik (IBM) and Nasr Ullah (Freescale) have spent a lot of time taking care of budgets, invoices, and financial transactions in their roles as Finance Chairs. Likewise, Priya Nagpurkar (IBM) and Alper Buyuktosunoglu (IBM) have efficiently handled the registration process. Niti Madan (Oracle) handled publicity for the conference leading up to the paper submission and registration deadlines. Mark Hempstead (Drexel) promptly took care of proceedings and USB drives for the second straight year. Byeong Lee (UTSA) has handled the ISPASS web-site for many years now and continues to amaze us with his quick response times. Suzanne Rivoire (Sonoma State) contributed many hours of her time in her role as student travel chair. This included procuring grants from NSF and IEEE TC-Microarchitecture, soliciting travel grant requests from attendees, and administering the reimbursements. Kshitij Sudan (University of Utah) served as submission web chair and ensured that there were no hic-cups in the review process. My heartfelt thanks go to all of the organizers.

I am especially grateful to our many sponsors for providing much needed support. These financial contributions go a long way towards reducing registration fees and defraying travel costs for students. I would like to thank our corporate sponsors for their generous support: HP, VMware, IBM, FusionIO. NSF and IEEE Technical Committee on Microarchitecture are providing funds for student travel awards.

Finally, thanks to the attendees, the lifeblood of the conference. I sincerely hope that you find the program exciting and that the conference leads to rewarding interactions.

Sincerely,
Rajeev Balasubramonian, University of Utah
General Chair